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SUBJECT APPOINTMENT OF GUNTHER NOLLAU AS BFV VICE PRESIDENT

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FEDERAL INTERIOR MINISTRY. THE INFORMATION IS PROBABLY
TRUE.

1. THE NEXT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR
THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION /BFV/ WILL BE DR.
GUNTHER NOLLAU. THE DATE OF HIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE EITHER
1 MAY OR 1 JUNE 1966 DEPENDING UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
RESIGNATION OF THE INCUMBENT VICE PRESIDENT DR. ERNST
BRUECKNER. BRUECKNER WILL HEAD A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO IN-
VESTIGATE MODERNIZATION OF THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE /BKA/,
WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE FROM THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
/SPD/ FOR ANTIQUATED ADMINISTRATION.

2. NOLLAU'S APPOINTMENT WAS MADE WITH SPD CONCURRENCE.
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR PAUL LUECKE DECIDED TO GIVE THE SPD

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION. HE ASKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG INTERIOR COMMITTEE, HERMANN SCHMITT-VOCKENHAUSEN OF THE SPD, TO NAME CANDIDATES. SCHMITT-VOCKENHAUSEN CONSULTED WITH SPD DEPUTY CHAIRMAN HERBERT WENNER, WHO VISITED LUECKE AND TOLD HIM THAT THE SPD CANDIDATE IS NOLLAU. ALTHOUGH NOLLAU IS NOT AN SPD MEMBER, THE SPD TRUSTS HIM AND HAS RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM HIM IN THE PAST.

3. NOLLAU WAS ALSO THE BEST MAN IN THE MINISTRY'S OPINION, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT HOW HE WILL GET ALONG WITH BfV PRESIDENT HUBERT SCHRUEBBERS. SCHRUEBBERS STRONGLY RESISTED VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE REFORMS PROPOSED BY VICE PRESIDENT BRUECKNER, AND THE PERSONALITY CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO MEN IS WHAT LED TO BRUECKNER'S ILLNESS AND RESIGNATION.

4. THE QUESTION WHO WILL REPLACE NOLLAU AS CHIEF OF BfV DEPARTMENT III /LEFT-RADICALISM/ HAS STILL NOT BEEN DECIDED.

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